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Statement for Archives.gov re: social media and PRA?

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Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 1:25 PM

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Hi Gary and Valchy,

I wanted to check with you to see if you are working on any kind of statement that could be posted to Archives.gov about the question of whether social media is considered a presidential record. This is obviously a topic of great interest and it would be useful to have something on our website that provides a straightforward explanation.

We have this page on ObamaLibrary.gov but people would have to read between the lines to know the answer about PRA and social media for all administrations:

<https://www.obamalibrary.gov/research/archived-white-house-websites-and-social-media>

The Web and Social Media Branch is happy to support in whatever way makes sense to you!

Best,

Dana

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From: **Kenneth Hawkins** <kenneth.hawkins@nara.gov>

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Hi Kristen and all:

I believe there has been NARA discussion and communications regarding social media and tweets as PRA. The authoritative voices on when or if this will make its way into guidance would be John Valceanu and Gary M. Stern. Please check with them on status and whether there is content that one could link to directly when queried.

thanks!

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 12:29 PM, Kristen Albrittain <kristen.albrittain@nara.gov> wrote:

Hi there Ken,

This tweet from Representative Mike Quigley came to our attention this morning. The [bit.ly link leads to a page](#) on the Representative's site in which he announces a bill focused on "amending the Presidential Records Act to include the term 'social media' as a documentary material." It was my understanding during the Obama transition that the PRA was

platform agnostic. Is that not the case? We've looked around [archives.gov](https://www.archives.gov) and don't see anything that specifically mentions this and it seems like something for which we should have a straightforward explanation readily accessible. I know you prepared press statements back in January and we'd love to be able to point folks to them if questions arise. We could even post about the topic on a blog if there's not already an existing link. Any insights would be appreciated!

thanks very much,
Kristen

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Mike Quigley (@RepMikeQuigley)

6/12/17, 11:42 AM

Tweets are powerful & the President must be held accountable for every post. I'm proud to introduce the [#COVFEFEAct](https://www.congress.gov/bills/115/1058/text/senate/1). bit.ly/2skMxcM

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